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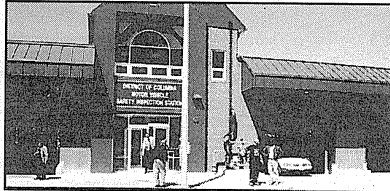
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## Southwest Vehicle Inspection Center Reopens

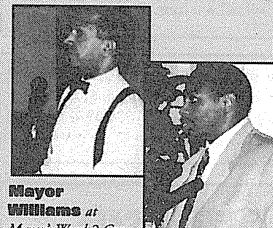
The vehicle inspection center at 1001 Half St. SW reopened on Saturday, April 24th after several months of major renovation. The new, expanded testing station has eight lanes, double the capacity of the old station, and it has more modern equipment for detecting excessive pollution. The testing center is open Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All motor vehicle emissions inspections and safety inspections in the District are now being conducted at the Half St. facility. The



The front of the renovated inspection center.

city has closed the Northeast Inspection Station on West Virginia Avenue NE and transferred its staff to the Southwest facility. ■



Mayer Williams at Mayor's Ward 2 Community Meeting

Rev. George Holmes at the Question & Answer session which followed speech

## Upcoming Meeting

### Big Brothers and Sisters of the National Capital Area

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will be held on Monday, May 24 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the National Capital Area." Speakers: Ms. Alicia Carter, Publicity Coordinator; Ms. Tasha Berry; and Mr. Clifford Lee, SW resident who was awarded the Big Brother of the Year Award for Washington, D.C. There will be a short question and answer period following the speakers. The next meeting will be June 28 at a new location. It will be at D. C. Link and Learn (in the Waterside Mall) from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. ■

## Gottlieb Simon and Al Hudgens to be Honored at SWCH Fundraiser

The Southwest Community House is holding its sixth annual reception with dinner and music on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club from 6-9. The honorees are Mr. Gottlieb Simon and Mr. Alvin Hudgens for their invaluable service to the Southwest Community in the fields of Public Service and Humanity. Mr. Simon is the Executive Director of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D and Executive Director of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6-B. Mr. Alvin Hudgens is the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4. Both honorees are tireless workers and defenders of the underprivileged of the Southwest community.

This year, the Southwest Community House celebrates its 98th Anniversary. For nine decades, Southwest Community House has reached out to meet the needs of the poor in the neighborhoods of the nation's capital. They have provided vital programs - for children, adolescents, the unemployed, families in crisis, and the elderly - for all who struggle to become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community. They are especially proud of "Dollar for Scholars"—just one of their many youth programs—which rewards the community's school age children for scholastic achievement.

To attend the reception please send a check (\$35 for a single ticket, \$70 for two tickets, payable to Southwest Community House). If you can't attend but want to make a contribution, please do so. The mailing address is 156 Q Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. ■

## SWNA Scholarship Fund - 25 Years of Giving to the Community

By Maurice Cook

The cost of a college education is one of the largest single expenditures most families will ever face, and it's a daunting expense for many. With college tuition costs high and constantly rising, many low- and middle-income families find college expenses a real budget breaker. However, the SWNA Scholarship Fund and the generosity of our neighbors has helped an entire generation of Southwest students meet college costs.

Originally started by a group of generous River Park residents in 1974, the Scholarship Fund has over the years provided tens of thousands of dollars in grants to university students from Southwest, according to Barbara Murray, the chairperson of the Fund's selection committee. "We are extremely grateful to those Southwest neighbors and businesses that have regularly supported the students over the years," she

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## Jack Evans/SW Task Force

By Davie Renshaw

A new task force! Yes, a new task force. A task force which allows our city councilmember, Jack Evans, to focus on the problems faced by Southwest and to act as a mediator between the community and the bureaucracy of city politics.

There are three sub-committees within the

organization. 1.) the Retail sub-committee, focusing on improvements to Waterside Mall and the development of retail business both in the mall & surrounding areas of SW. If you would like to work on this sub-committee, contact Andrew Kreider (w. 260-9192); 2.)

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## POST Award To Bowen School's Elizabeth Primas

The Washington POST has honored Bowen Elementary School teacher Dr. Elizabeth Primas as Washington, D.C.'s outstanding teacher for 1999.

Dr. Primas, at Bowen since 1993, received her Doctor of Education from The George Washington University. The award cited her duties at Bowen, in addition to teaching, in these words:

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Bowen School teacher Elizabeth Primas, center, receives a Tiffany crystal apple and a check for \$3,000 from Donald Graham, publisher of The Washington Post, as Washington, D.C.'s "Outstanding Teacher, 1999." Looking on is Mrs. Katharine Graham of the Post.

## Washington, DC Big Brother of the Year

Clifford Lee of Southwest Washington has been a big brother for about ten years. He recently received an award at the 10th Annual Service to Youth Awards Dinner of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the National Capital Area for the Big Brother of the Year, Washington, DC. He and his "little brother" (who isn't

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The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is looking for a Certified Public Accountant to audit our books for 1998. We would appreciate pro bono or a very minimum cost. Call the SWNA voice mail at (202) 554-8560. Someone will call you back. ■

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## Southwest Community Calendar

(May - June 1999)

May 24	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting, 7:30 pm St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St., SW
May 26	Wednesday	Waterside Mall/Waterside Task Force, 6:00 pm, SWNA Office (1 St. side of the Mall)
May 26	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
May 26	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW
May 27	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052, 1:30 pm Southwest Branch Library (last meeting 'til fall)
June 1	Tuesday	Citizen Advisory Meeting, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 4th St., Community Room
June 3	Thursday	The Southwester Meeting, 7:30 pm, SWNA Office at Waterside Mall (1 St. side)
June 5	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club, 10am Southwest Branch Library
June 7	Monday	SWNA Board, 7:00 pm, SWNA Office, Waterside Mall (1 St. side)
June 9	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
June 12	Saturday	Riverside Yard Sale, 9:00 am-2:00 pm Riverside Condo, 4th & P
June 14	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:00 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St.
June 16	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751, 12 noon St. Matthews Lutheran Church 3rd & M St. SW
June 19	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club, 10am Southwest Branch Library
June 23	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
June 23	Wednesday	SW Task Force Meeting, 9:00 am Southeastern University, 6th & I St.
June 28	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting 6:00 - 7:45 Link & Learn Open House (last meeting until fall). Link & Learn is located on the 2nd floor of Waterside Mall.

(Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Friday, the 4th of June to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284)

## SWNA Board



**1 - Carole Early**, editor of The Southwester Newspaper, **Barbara Murray**, chair of the Southwest Scholarship Task Force, **Delmar Withers**, former chair of the Youth Activities Task Force  
**2 - The officers of SWNA: Jeanne Macdonald**, secretary, **Dr. Margaret Feldman**, 2nd Vice President, **Davelene Renshaw**, 1st Vice President, **Rev. George E. Holmes**, Pres-

ident, **Ellen Winship**, Treasurer  
**3 - District reps who were at the board meeting - Dr. Perry Klein - District 1, Jacquelyn M. Matthews**, District 2, **Herbert Holmes**, District 4, **Mary Ann Baller**, District 1, **Lonnle Murray**, District 3 & **Cathy Wallace**, District 3E. ■

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Drop off your stories on diskette with photos by Wednesday, June 9, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. E-mail text to: carjim@erols.com  
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**The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:** to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident and to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

## Jefferson Junior High School

Dara Jordan, a seventh grader, won the Daimler-Chrysler Award of Excellence. She will go on a three-week all expense paid study tour of Germany. There were 200,000 student entries. Thirty students were selected.

Healthy Stars - Poster and Poetry Contest Winners: The poster and poetry contest was designed to increase awareness about and promote DC Healthy Families. Twenty-six Healthy Stars winners developed posters and poetry that would send a strong, positive message to the community about the importance of keeping families healthy! Jefferson was the winning school. Individual winners are: 2<sup>nd</sup> place/poetry - Tanese Abrams; 3<sup>rd</sup> place/poetry - Kevin Webb; Honorable Mention/Poetry - Nicole Aiken, Krista Bulley, David Chen, Robyn Johnson, and Monique Morton; Honorable Mention/Poster - Gkervais Edmonds.

Congratulations to Jefferson's cheerleaders and coaches. On March 19-21, 1999, they competed in the ECA Cheerleader Competition in Williamsburg, Virginia and placed as follows: ECA Cheer Classic - 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up; and ECA National Invitational - Honorable Mention.

Eight DCPS students were awarded full four-year scholarships to the George Washington University, each valued at more than \$130,000. Two of those students are former Jefferson Trojans! Congratulations to Linda Rivera and Ngar Yo. Both students will graduate from School Without Walls in June 1999.

City-wide Science Fair Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place/Biochemistry - Curry Cheek; 1<sup>st</sup> place/Computer Science - Janai Marshall; 2<sup>nd</sup> place/Behavioral Social Science - Maia Shanklin-Roberts; 2<sup>nd</sup> place/Team Project - Mauricia Holman and Mary Limehouse; 3<sup>rd</sup> place/Behavioral Social Science - Cristina Duncan-Evans. ■

### Scholarship *contd from page 1*

says. According to her, last year the Fund received about \$4,000, which it awarded to Southwest youths studying in diverse fields.

Many former grant recipients are now working professionals. Others have obtained masters and doctoral degrees. At least one is a well-known television performer (Simbi Waters of the TV series "Third Rock"). In general, the recipients come from diverse economic backgrounds. Financial need is only of several criteria for grants.

Funds are awarded based on students' academic achievement, community activity, and financial need. However, according to Ms. Murray, just about any eligible student who submits a completed application has a fair chance of receiving some size grant. Nevertheless, academic achievement is recognized. Each year the selection committee makes a point of ensuring that an academically outstanding applicant receives a substantial grant.

Application forms for grants are available at the Southwest branch of the D.C. Public Library at 3rd and K Streets S.W. Only students with a home address in Southwest (zip code 20024) are eligible for funds.

It's not too late to contribute to this year's Scholarship Fund. Donations to the Fund, a non-profit organization, are tax deductible. Donations payable to the "Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc." may be mailed to: The Southwest Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 70481, Washington, D.C. 20024. ■

## Police and Assembly Improving Liaison In Crime Prevention

By Nathaniel Polster

While the *Washington Post* on April 26th published strong criticism of the Police Department, the Southwest Safety Task Force's own interchanges with the police have improved.

The good happenings are small but tend to be in the right direction.

After suffering five transfers in two years in First District police officers assigned to develop community relations with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, the Task Force sharply protested to Chief Charles H. Ramsey and also engaged his top public relations executive in a dialogue about the transfers.

To build a crime reporting network that really contributes to crime prevention, the police must trust the citizens to call in information, and the citizens must trust that the communications will be kept confidential, according to the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

At issue was the recent transfer of Lt. Deric Milligan who was making friends and building productive contacts throughout the community only to be shifted out of the First Police District to citywide special duty. The Task Force has now been informed that Lt. Milligan is probably returning to the First District at the end of the summer.

First District Commander Kim C. Dine attended the April Task Force meeting after calling off two meetings that had been scheduled at the time and place the Commander chose. He joined in the discussion at the April meeting and asked the Task Force to advocate a change in city laws making misdemeanor marijuana offenses felonies. "It is not that marijuana is so bad," he said, "but sales are associated with shooting and other violence."

Later in the meeting, Sgt. Andrew Struhar explained that two SW killings that week were drug related, the second apparently in response to the first. Sgt. Struhar discussed recent crimes and cited several arrests made by police bicycle patrols and plain clothes men. Plain clothes officers are making more arrests than the Task Force anticipated. Prevention is picking up.

What's important about these details is not that the SW Safety Task Force and the police are solving the mysteries of our homicides—they're not, nor is there a stop to mugging in broad daylight on M Street. But it is important that the First District police and the Task Force are beginning to recognize one another and work together.

They are setting up liaisons to put citizen volunteers at magistrate's offices and in courts to display public opinion against easy-off releases of minor offenders, many of whom are repeat offenders openly soliciting drug buys in our neighborhoods.

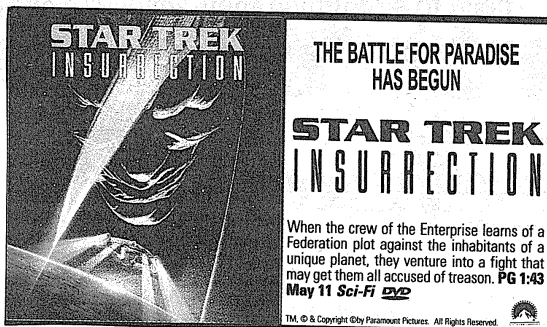
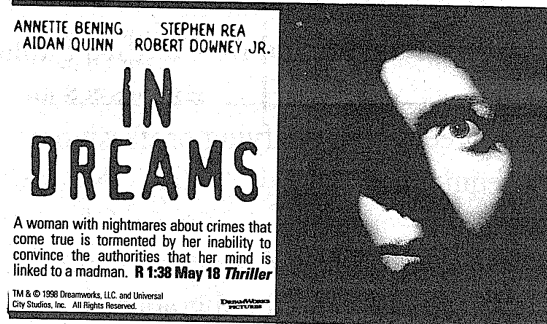
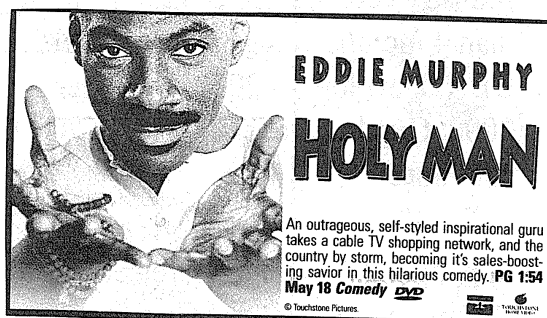
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Roxana Folescu, with the help of Lt. Milligan, is on her way to restoring Orange Hat marches. As a member of the Safety Task Force, she is recruiting people to march in their own neighborhoods.

After two years of educating itself, and beginning to establish relations of trust with the police, the Task Force now is undertaking a heavy agenda of work. At least a hundred neighborhood watchers are needed to report crimes and suspicious characters to the police.

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"Department of Public Works," headed by Dick Westbrook, which concentrates on the needs for improvement to the infrastructure in SW (i.e. potholes, lights, etc.). Call 554-1448 if you are interested; 3.) Last, but not least is Culture & the Arts. Davie Renshaw heads this sub-committee. Her number is (202) 488-1926. The emphasis is on the development & continuation of cultural activities in SW (Randall School, the new Art Center; and the Arena Stage).

If you are interested in coming to Jack Evans/Task Force Meetings, the next one will be June 23 (Wednesday) at Southeastern University, 6th & I Sts. at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! ■

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### Service Bureau on Buzzards Point Could Hire 400

During his inauguration speech, Mayor Anthony Williams appealed to District residents to come out of the stands and get out on the playing field to make a difference. The Southwest community returned the challenge. On March 23, 1999, Mr. Bill Highsmith, Special Assistant to Doug Patton, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, and members of the Southwest community toured the facilities of a suburban firm offering to invest in the city by replicating its Service Bureau facility in Southwest Washington at Buzzards Point. The project would bring up to 400 new jobs to Southwest - welfare-to-work jobs.

A Service Bureau is a facility that specializes in providing large institutional customers like government agencies, banks, hospitals, schools, etc. with the full range of document management technologies. The firm was recruited by O. "Mac" McCauley, Jr., a long-time resident of Southwest and a minority businessman. Mr. McCauley said that "The Service Bureau Initiative" was designed as a model to demonstrate implementation of the Control Board's economic development objectives. The Mayor will gain cutting-edge technologies to accelerate the pace of reforms and return to home rule. Simultaneously, the facility will expand the city's revenue base by creating new jobs, including welfare-to-work jobs. Over a five-year period, the city can gain \$23,100,000 in new revenue and reduce assistance payments by \$5,006,400.

Southwest was represented by Margaret Feldman, former President, SW Neighborhood Assembly; Phyllis Martin, President of the SW Public Housing Residence Councils; Peter Jones and Roberta Patrick, SW Community House; and Beth Paulson from the SW Neighborhood Assembly. On March 29, 1999, Councilman Jack Evans wrote a letter of support to Mayor Williams and asked him to "fast track" this new facility. ■

### Letter from the President of the SWNA

When I was growing up in Mississippi in the 70's, I often noticed that there was a sense of community. It was not so much that we lived in that community, as opposed to that community lived in us. We could borrow a cup of sugar from any neighbor and you could feel the love that permeated that cup. We had built a framework - warmth, friendship, concern, understanding, patience, sharing, and a whole lot of caring.

We had built a community.

As the newly elected president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, I still see that cup of sugar that can be passed from one neighbor on South M Street to another on North M Street. I can see a person who has lost hope in local government find us as an alternative. I believe that what makes us different is what makes us alike. A marriage in which mutual respect abounds from both sides.

In summary, in every human community there are different ideas of what it means to be a community. However, I know we can strike a balance. Cmon join the S.W.N.A.—where Community matters. ■

Affectionately,

Rev. George E. Holmes

### Education In Southwest

#### Congresswoman Norton Holds "Education Town Meeting" In Southwest

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton at her "Education Town Meeting" in Southwest told of money becoming available for college students and new money for the D.C. school system.

She introduced U. S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley who spoke about President Clinton's proposals in Congress to give D.C. 178 new teachers and tax credits for \$114 million of school repair funds. The town meeting was held in the U.S. Department of Education headquarters building on C St. S.W.

#### In-State Tuition

Congresswoman Norton explained the bill she has introduced in Congress which would let D.C. students go to public colleges in other states and pay the lower tuition that residents of those states pay. It also would provide more money for UDC. The bill has been approved at the subcommittee level and was due for full committee markup soon as *The Southwester* went to press.

#### D.C. College Access Program

A new program was explained to encourage more D.C. students to attend college. \$15,000,000 has been raised by private companies and foundations to place college counselors in the Washington, D.C. high schools and offer students as much as \$2,000 a year for up to five years of college. Similar plans are working in Baltimore, Cleveland and other cities. ■

## Update on the Youth Activities Task Force

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, they meet from 12 - 2 at Link 'n Learn (in Waterside Mall). All who are interested in the growth of services to Southwest youth are welcome to attend. A very inspiring speaker, Diane Quinn—an administrator in the DC Department of Recreation—made a presentation at the last meeting. She has assisted many community groups to realize their dreams. The dream of the YATF is to have a community center which serves all residents. What to do and how to plan for such an eventuality was the focus of her presentation.

In the short range they hope to make an appeal to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club for expansion of programs. Mr. Neal Owens, program director of MPB&G Club, indicated the importance of showing evidence of community support—both past and present—for the Club. We plan to do so with your help. ■

## POST Award *contd from page 1*


"She is a change facilitator and coordinator of the 'Success for All' Reading Program, responsible for the testing, evaluation and placement of over 400 students in various reading groups, and serves as a resource to her colleagues, assisting in the daily operations of Anthony Bowen Elementary and conducting professional development sessions." ■

## Southwest Library

(the Library is located at 3rd and K streets, SW. Tele, 727-1381)


1. **Mystery Book Club.** Every 3rd Monday, 7-8pm. Call to get book selection for June 17th. No meetings July and August.
2. **Child Care Group II.** Orientation for child care careers. Every Thursday from 1-5pm, June 3, 10, 17, 24. Call (202) 488-5300 for more info.
3. **Young Adult Cross Stitch Club** (Ages 11 -16). Learn how to do Cross Stitch every 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. from 3-4:30pm. Call the library at 727-1381 for more info.
4. **After School Movies.** Every Thursday from 4-5pm. New movie each week.
5. **School Age Program.** June 1-17, 1999 for children ages 6-12. Library orientation, stories, songs and story-telling.
6. **Pre-school Films and Songs.** Tuesday and Thursday during June, 10:30-11:30am.
7. **Toddlers Time.** Every Monday in June, from 10:30-11:30am. Fingerplays, film and picture book stories.
8. **The 'Summer Quest' reading program** Begin on June 1. Call the library at 727-1381 for info on special kick-off program. ■

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<p><i>June 11</i></p> <p>Antonio Parker, <i>alto sax</i>  Allyn Johnson, <i>piano</i>  Nasar Abadey, <i>drums</i>  Michael Thomas, <i>trumpet</i>  Emory Diggs, <i>bass</i>  Zach Graddy, <i>sax</i></p> <p><i>June 18</i></p> <p>Marshall Keys, <i>alto sax</i>  Steve Novosel, <i>bass</i>  Dan Reynolds, <i>piano</i>  Warren Shadd, <i>drums</i></p> <p><i>June 25</i></p> <p>Lady Byron, <i>piano</i>  Donnie West, <i>bass</i>  Ben Secundy, <i>drums</i></p> <p><i>July 2</i></p> <p>Percy Smith, <i>drums</i>  Carlos Johnson, <i>alto sax</i>  Jackie Hairston, <i>organ</i></p>	<p><i>July 9</i></p> <p>Billy Smith, <i>tenor sax</i>  Will Rast, <i>piano</i>  Emory Diggs, <i>bass</i>  Tony Addison, <i>drums</i></p> <p><i>July 16</i></p> <p>Jacques Johnson, <i>tenor sax</i>  Bill Clark, <i>piano</i>  Victor Dvoskin, <i>bass</i>  Richard Seals, <i>drums</i></p> <p><i>July 23 - A North &amp; South Group</i></p> <p>Thad Wilson, <i>trumpet</i>  Chris Grasso, <i>piano</i>  Donnie West, <i>bass</i>  Micky Newman, <i>drums</i></p> <p><i>July 30</i></p> <p>George Botts, <i>tenor sax</i>  Charlie Hampton, <i>piano</i>  Fred Williams, <i>bass</i>  Richard Seals, <i>drums</i></p>
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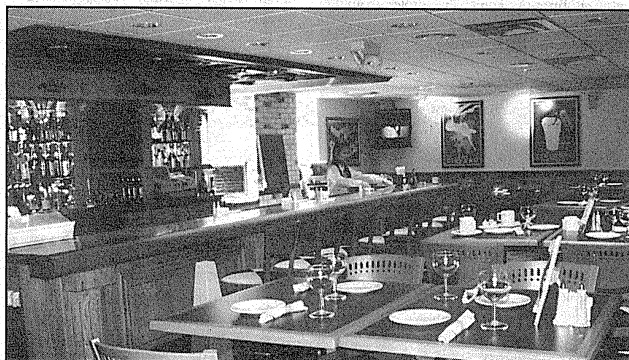


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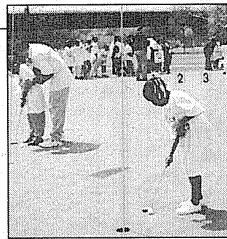
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## Sports

### Bowen Students Learn Golf

About 100 students at Bowen Elementary received golf instruction at Langston Golf Course under a program sponsored by the Golf Channel nationally and Everybody Wins in D.C. Scores made by different age groups will decide Mid-Atlantic winners to compete in a national tournament in Florida. They met Renee Powell who has many firsts as an African-American woman golfer who became a professional. ■



Bowen students practicing their putting at Langston Golf Course and driving range at 26th and Benning Road in Northeast D.C. as part of a Drive, Chip, Putt Jr. Golf program.

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### Summer Basketball Leagues Organized

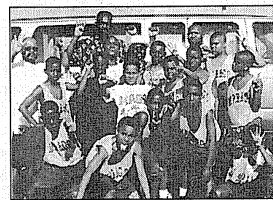
Younger Players Start June 5

The regular adult basketball tournament on Fridays and Saturdays, and a new league for age 13 to 17 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will play this summer at King Greenleaf outdoor court. Coaches for the new league were scheduled to meet May 17, as The Southwester went to press.

As before, the 8 adult teams will be organized by housing complexes. Their coaches will meet June 9 at 6:30 pm with Resial Baybay Shannon and Donald Disco Covington, who will be League Commissioners this year.

Kickoff for the 13 to 17 league will be Saturday, June 5, which is also Safe Night, with a lot of activity at King Greenleaf field, Canal St. at Delaware Ave., south of M St. S.W. ■

## Club #4 Wins National Championship



National Champions. Pictured in Florida where they won the National Police Athletic League championship are Club #4 team members and coaches:

Front row (L to R): Rodney Lawrence, George Washington, Niko Mathews, Rico Mines, Patrick Allen.

Second row (L to R): Michael Locisley, Curtis Walden, James King, Delvin Yeldell, Jamar Tatum, Malcolm Davis. Back row (L to R): Asst. Coach Busta Walden, Asst. Coach Paul Taylor, Radford Ferguson, Head Coach Ronald Mines, Delonte Mack, Asst. Coach A.E. Hudgens, Antoine Logan.



Coach Ronald Mines and Club #4 Director Alvin Hudgens show off the national championship trophy their team won in Florida.

In the National Police Athletic League tournament in Ft. Myers, Florida, last month, Southwest's own Club #4 age 10-and-under basketball team went undefeated against such teams as New York and Detroit to win the national championship.

This team has been Washington, D.C. city champions two years in a row against other

Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs in Washington. They had competed in Florida last year but had an 0-5 record there, so revenge was on everyone's mind.

This year in Florida, D.C. league's Most Valuable Player (MVP) Radford Ferguson averaged 15 points, 15 rebounds and 3 assists. Many players had standout games, including George Washington with 10 points and 8 steals in the championship game.

The Florida trip for the Club #4 team was financed in part by the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, from donations made by over 80 residents of Southwest, D.C. ■

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### Mark Johnson Wins Title

On April 24, Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson won the vacant International Boxing Federation junior bantamweight championship. His opponent was Ratanachai Vorapin of Thailand, whom he beat with a unanimous decision over 12 rounds. This was the first time that a boxing match had been held at the MCI Center. John-

son easily won on the cards of all three judges to establish himself as the new IBF junior bantamweight champion of the world.

Johnson hails from Southwest and still lives here. He is the first African-American to win the flyweight and junior bantamweight titles. ■

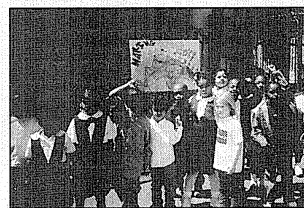
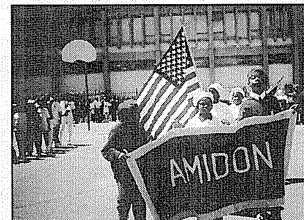
### Amidon Takes a Step for Peace

By Wanda Fox, Guidance Counselor

On Friday, April 30, 1999, Amidon Elementary School held its first Peace Run. As one of five selected D.C. Public elementary schools, Amidon ES students, staff and family had the opportunity to meet and run with Peace Runners from Norway, West Africa, Russia and Belize. Students were bedecked in school spirit and bursting with pride as they paraded behind torch-carrying Peace Runner Khipra Nichols around the school grounds. Eight Amidon torch-carrying students and several teachers joined the Peace Runners in laps around the playground.

Then various classes performed songs and dances demonstrating peace. The Peace Runners and student Sheila Mgaza commented on the need for striving to create peace in our world. Principal Barbara Nophlin commended everyone present for daring to make a difference. The afternoon ended with much reflective thought and creative writing by our students. John Terry, P.E. teacher, coordinated the informative and fun-filled afternoon for our school family. The Peace Run serves as the first significant step Amidon ES will take into the New Millennium.

The Peace Run is founded on the premise that the seeds of a more peaceful world lie within each individual. The program seeks to encourage students to consciously develop their inner attitudes and outer skills as a means



of embodying and expressing peace in their lives. "Take A Step For Peace" is an educational outreach program of Peace Runs International. The Peace run was founded by peace advocate Sri Chinmoy as a means of advancing global harmony. This run is at the core of a soulful peace offering for many international runners. World peace begins in the heart of each individual who is full of hope and inspiration. ■

### Essay on Peace from Amidon Third Grader

#### WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME

by Erdit Gremi

Mrs. McCain's 3rd grade class.

Peace is when there are no wars and when there are no bombs and fights, when everybody is happy.

In fights people get hurt and killed. That happens in wars, but in wars more people get hurt and killed.

But basically fights and wars are the same and something should definitely be done about it. If there was peace, nobody would get hurt. And that is what peace means to me.



## Southwest Chamber Players Concerts Continue

The Southwest Chamber Players will continue through the summer, with several exciting programs planned for the next two months.

On Wednesday, May 26, cellist John Kaboff, whose spectacular work electrified the audience in January, will return with a new group of friends: Alfred Clark, piano; Amy Thomas, flute; and Jerry Schwarz, clarinet. The program will consist of Johannes Brahms's Clarinet Trio, op. 114, and Bohuslav Martinu's Flute Trio, together with shorter works of Barber, Piazzolla, and Villa-Lobos.

Two weeks later, the Hunt Quartet, which is new to Southwest audiences, will appear on Thursday, June 10, with Brahms's extraordinary String Quartet (op. 67) and Dmitri Shostakovich's marvelous anti-Soviet Quintet for Piano and Strings, with pianist Stephen Kline.

And then three weeks after that, pianist David Ehrlich will return fresh from several weeks of chamber music workshops to join baritone Olivier Fourcade, whom audiences will remember from his memorable work in the Christmas concert, in a program of lieder by Ludwig von Beethoven and François Poulenc. That date is Wednesday, June 30.

SWCP also has plans for a July concert including Yayri Poochikian, violin, and Jack Hufnagle, horn, and a semi-pop program with Joyce Bouvier in August.

All concerts are at St. Augustine's Episcopal church, 6th Street and Maine Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge, although SWCP does request a small donation. ■

## River Park Friends, The Washington Post and the Bowen School Cooperate On Unusual Project

Margaret Feldman, Board member of River Park Friends and former president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, reported on the first activity supported by River Park Friends: "Pigskin Geography" - the support of three months of the Monday issue of the Washington Post for three grades in the Bowen School in Southwest Washington, DC.

Ms. Feldman and Martin Forrester, another Board member of River Park Friends, had visited with the school principal, Mrs. Rosalie Huff, and teachers, to receive thank you letters from students who were recipients of the subscription. Through this project, Bowen students reported learning about our country and its states; developing map skills and learning directions; identifying state capitals and large cities; gaining knowledge about the weather in the entire United States; and obtaining help and knowledge in social studies, reading, science, math, and entertainment.

Other possible projects were discussed for support by River Park Friends. The members of the Advisory Committee agreed to work together with the Board to determine ongoing activities and needs to supplement those activities that will benefit the neighborhood in Southwest Washington, DC. Contact Coralie Farlee, President, River Park Friends, 554-4407, for more information. ■

## Southwest Community Welcomes New Seniors Program Coordinator

Ms. Njideka Olatunde has accepted the position of coordinator of Southwest Community House's (SWCH) seniors program. The program, located at the Greenleaf Seniors Dwelling at 1200 Delaware Avenue, S.W., Apartment #3, distributes food, provides information with referral, and coordinates occasional special activities for seniors residing there and in the near Southwest.

"Ms. Olatunde possesses a Masters degree in Social Work and a wealth of experience working with seniors", beamed Peter Jones, SWCH's Executive Director. "We're fortunate to have her on our team."

Within the next six months, according to Mr. Jones, Ms. Olatunde will solidify the seniors program "and, thereafter, contribute to its expansion. I and the Board of Directors are expecting great things from her."

"I have always enjoyed working with seniors", commented Ms. Olatunde. "I am looking forward to learning, sharing and exchanging ideas with the seniors at Greenleaf and all seniors in the Southwest community." She described her professional style as friendly, "open door, feel-free-to-stop-in-and-say-hello".

Please join Southwest House in welcoming Ms. Olatunde to Southwest D.C. The seniors program and Ms. Olatunde may be reached at 484-3133. ■

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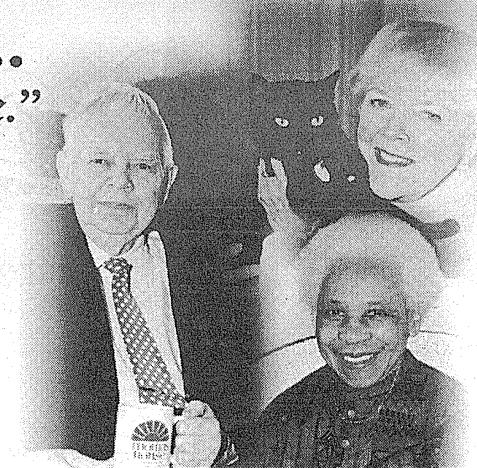
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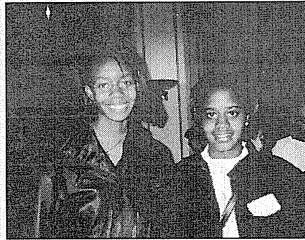
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## Southwest Youth at Interfaith Conference

By Betty Brown



Nikea Williams and Andrea Clipper

On Thursday, March 23, 1999, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Conference was held at the Adas Israel Congregation in Northwest. The conference was an effort to bring high school students and adults from nine different faiths together for an open dia-

logue to create religious tolerance and understanding. The nine faiths represented at the conference were: Baha'I, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Latter Day Saints, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, as well as those non-committed.

Betty Brown of the Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly recruited two Southwest youth to participate in this stimulating and enlightening dialogue. They were Nikea Williams, a Junior in the School Without Walls, and Andrea Clipper, a sophomore from Wilson High School. At this dialogue the participants sat around large conference tables with an assigned leader and shared their thoughts on how their faiths' core values related to societal problems and concerns. Most of the youth wore their native attire and each faith had an opportunity during breaks to share the principles of their faiths through song, chanting, and prayer. ■

**Big Brother** from p. 1

little) have been together for the past 5 years. They bowl, horseback ride, take out-of-town trips, study, go to the MCI & Marvin Center, and go to local meetings once a month. Some people say "I'm too busy to be a big brother or big sister - I have a full-time job." So does Mr. Lee. His specialty is Labor and International Law, but he is still able to find the time. To find out more about this program, call the Big Brothers/Big Sisters at (301) 585-5692. Congratulations Clifford Lee—we are proud of you.

**Police** from p. 3

The task force has only 10 watchers now.

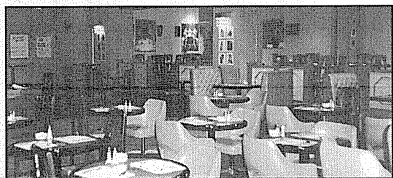
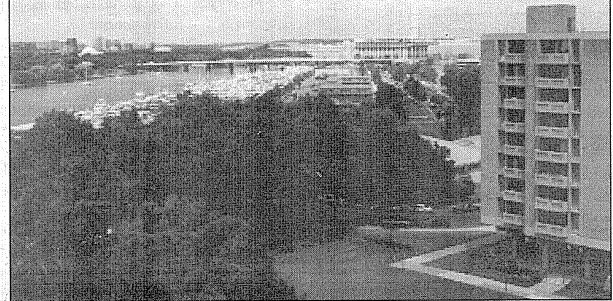
The Task Force told the *Southwester* that the work won't pay off unless the neighborhood can show the police that it is willing to report crime, evidence of crime, and supply the details the police need for making arrests. If you are willing to be a neighborhood watcher—volunteer and get training and service aids from the Task Force by calling Nathaniel Polster at 488-7533. ■

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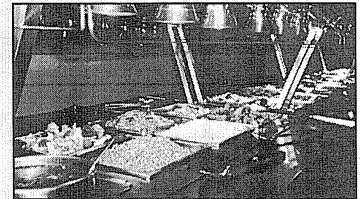
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